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SUBJECT: NON-U.S. OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT FACILITIES

1. SINCE QUESTION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IN PHILIPPINES HAS BECOME ISSUE OF CURRENT IMPORTANCE, MANILA PRESS PAYS SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION TO STORIES CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN OTHER PLACES SUCH AS TURKEY, SPAIN, AZORES, PANAMA, ETC. NET RESULT OF THIS ATTENTION, PLUS CONSTANT THIRD WORLD AGITATION ON SUBJECT U.S. BASES, IS TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT U.S. IS SOLE NATION IN THIS WORLD WITH TROOP DEPLOYMENTS ABROAD.

2. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RESTORE A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE IF LOCAL PRESS HERE , AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE) COULD FOCUS SOME ATTENTION ON OTHER DEPLOYMENT FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION. IT WOULD NOT SEEM CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE FOR THE USG TO INSPIRE SOME PRESS INTEREST IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM OF EXTERNAL DEPLOYMENTS, BASES, MILITARY FACILITIES, AND RIGHTS. I
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DOUBT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ANY FILIPINO KNOWS THE USSR

REGULARLY USES GUINEA FOR ITS AIR FORCE OPERATIONS.

3. THE SIMPLEST APPROACH TO THIS EXERCISE WOULD SEEM TO BE A PAPER PREPARED BY INR ON AN UNCLASSIFIED BASIS, WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, WITH MAPS AND CHARTS, TO ONE OR MORE OF THE WIRE SERVICES. IF IT IS SENT OUT AS A FEATURE ITEM BY, LET US SAY, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, IT COULD GET WIDE COVERAGE IN ALL PAPERS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

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